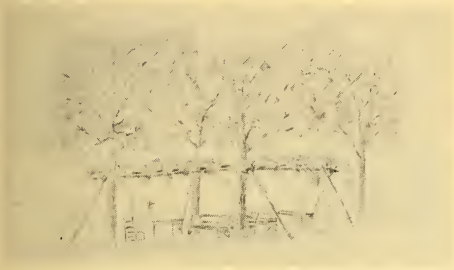

1891-1966
75th
anniversary

Ephesus Baptist Church

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Mrs. John Booker, *Chairman*
Miss Anna Pope
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Mr. G. M. Pope
Mr. S. M. Green
Rev. E. Coye Still

Pictures on Cover:

Brush Arbor—Rev. P. H. Massey
Arbor and First Church Sketches by W. C. Hudson

Original Church Building—Approximately 1881

Church Building—Approximately 1922-1948

Present Building—1948—Rev. E. Coye Still

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Ephesus Baptist Church

Rev. E. Coye Still, *Pastor*

*"*Except The Lord Build A House-They Labour In Vain Who Build It"*
—Psalm 127:1a

75th anniversary services

Sunday, December 11, 1966 Morning Worship 11:00

Prelude . . . . . Linda Tingen
Doxology
Invocation . . . . . Walter O. King
Hymn No. 263 "How Firm a Foundation" . . . . . *Rippon*
Sunday School Report . . . . . R. K. Witherspoon
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn No. 188 "Amazing Grace" . . . . . *Newton*
Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer . . . . . Mrs. B. W. Clark
Reading of History . . . . . Mrs. John Booker
Recognition of Visitors . . . . . Rev. E. Coye Still
Hymn No. 103 "Rock of Ages" . . . . . *Hastings*
Scripture . . . . . Rev. L. J. Rainey
Prayer . . . . . G. M. Pope
Prayer Response No. 517 "O Father, Unto Thee" . . . . . *Angell*
Anthem "How Great Thou Art" . . . . . *Hine*
Message . . . . . Rev. L. J. Rainey
Invitation No. 233 "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night" . . *Stebbins*
Benediction . . . . . Rev. E. Coye Still
Response No. 549 "Cholmondely" . . . . . *Kett*
Postlude . . . . . Linda Tingen

**Building Fund slogan selected by Mrs. A. M. Blackwood*

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Charter Members

Jennie A. Duke	L. W. Leigh	S. M. Pope
W. H. Duke	Rosa Leigh	C. R. Pope
A. N. Leigh	Louettie Leigh	S. I. Pope
Leathy H. Leigh	Louenia Leigh	Mittie E. Pope
Jeanettie Leigh	George E. Pope	Nanie M. Pope

Pastors and Years of Service

J. C. Hocutt . . . . . 1891 - 1892
J. F. MacDuffie. . . . . 1892 - 1895
Willis Smith . . . . . 1895 - 1896
G. J. Darnell (*Interim*) 1897
R. P. Walker. . . . . 1900 - 1901
E. C. Andrews . . . . . 1902 - 1904
R. J. Pace . . . . . 1904 - 1908
J. F. MacDuffie. . . . . 1908 - 1916
L. M. Hobbs . . . . . 1917 - 1918
H. G. Dorsett . . . . . 1919 - 1921
J. B. Davis. . . . . 1921 - 1923
Hoyt Blackwell . . . . . 1923 - 1925
S. L. Lamb . . . . . 1925 - 1927
E. I. Olive . . . . . 1927 - 1928
Charles A. Maddry . . . . . 1928 - 1930
W. L. Lynch . . . . . 1932 - 1933
R. G. Kendrick. 1934
L. J. Rainey. . . . . 1934 - 1943
Carl Harris . . . . . 1943 - 1944
Harold Steen. . . . . 1944 - 1946
Herbert Miller. . . . . 1947 - 1948
John Lennon . . . . . 1948 - 1950
Wilbour Helmbold . . . . . 1950 - 1954
Kenneth Wilson . . . . . 1954 - 1958
Claude Graham . . . . . 1959 - 1963
Carroll Trotter (*Interim*) . . . 1964
E. Coye Still 1965

historical notes / ephesus — 1875-1966

Within the community that came to be known as Ephesus, around 1875, there began to arise a need for a place to worship; so with the help of S. M. Pope, G. E. Pope and a Methodist minister, Rev. P. H. Massey, the need began to be erased. With the help of Mr. Massey, services were held under a brush arbor that the Pope brothers had built. For about 6 years, services were held under the arbor or in homes in the form of prayer meetings; and then, around 1881, a house of worship was built with the gifts of materials and personal labor on land donated by S. M. Pope.

Mr. Massey continued to work with the people until in 1891 he told them that unless they organized a Baptist Church, he would organize a Methodist Church. On December 11, 1891, with the aid of 15 charter members from the neighboring Berea Baptist Church, Pope's Chapel was organized. The name was soon changed to Ephesus and Mr. J. C. Hocutt was called as the first pastor. The first church clerk was L. W. Leigh, and the first deacons were George E. Pope and A. N. Leigh. George E. Pope was the first Sunday School Superintendent.

In October 1892, the church was voted into the association and these minutes include some of its first records. There had been added to the church roll by letter, Wily and Geneva Blackwood and J. C. Hocutt, with five being baptized at Pickett's Mill on the first Sunday in September. These were Teck Pope, G. M. Pope, Vella Leigh, C. A. Pope, and R. H. Blackwood. The Sunday School enrollment was 54, and the total school expenses were $4.50.

Many people during the next years shared in the work and the blessings at Ephesus. John T. Pope was the second clerk, followed by C. R. Pope who served in this capacity for 35 years. The second baptizing was held in September 1893, also at Pickett's Mill, and included J. A. Sparrow, J. W. King, R. H. Pope, G. D. King and Salena Pope.

The church building remained unpainted and unimproved during these early years. Many students from Carolina walked through the woods in those days and helped with the worship, or in any way they could. A well

was dug in 1906 at the cost of $18.50 and this became the outside gathering spot for the younger generation. The students talked the members into enlarging the auditorium by adding an inclosed vestibule to the South for the pulpit and then urged the members to paint the church, (white trimmed in green). G. D. King was elected deacon about this time.

G. M. Pope and his family had moved away from the community for several years, but they returned in 1918. He soon assumed the office of Sunday School Superintendent which he held for over 20 years, along with other faithful duties which he has continued to perform at Ephesus. About the time of his return to the community, G. M. Pope and J. W. Cannady were elected deacons of the church. Many things began to go forward around this era.

The W.M.U. was organized in 1921 and Mrs. Myrtle Spaulding was the first President. Then Mrs. G. M. Pope was elected President and she served in this office for 19 years. The W.M.U. through its Missionary endeavor has been felt around the world due to the devoted efforts of the women at Ephesus.

The first Building Committee was elected in February 1922 composed of G. M. Pope, W. C. Hudson and J. W. King. The original Church building was covered and two Sunday School rooms added at a cost of $382.41.

Many pastors had served during this time; some of them serving twice. About 1923 we began to receive from Wake Forest able Ministerial Students, who though they did not stay long, left a lasting impression on the people and on the church.

Although we had had a B.Y.P.U. organization for years, the first B.Y.P.U. Director, B. W. Clark, was elected in January 1934. B. W. Clark and S. M. Green had been ordained as deacons sometime prior to this date and both men worked diligently in all phases of the Lord's work at Ephesus.

Around 1934, a need for a Recreation Center arose, and a log cabin was built with a small kitchen in the rear. Many wonderful suppers were held here and many good projects were financed for the good of the church. An increase in enrollment began to be noticed at this time, along with the need for more room. The Young People's Class with their teacher, B. W. Clark, began to discuss this need and decided to do something about it. A supper was held on January 16, 1943 in the church cabin, with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark acting as host and hostess, and the proposal that we build a new Church at Ephesus was presented with goals and plans

for getting the job done. The Church approved the plan. Many projects were engaged in by the congregation. One was to purchase surplus Camp Butner barracks, tear them down, and move them so the lumber could be used for the Church and parsonage.

On May 3, 1948, C. R. Pope turned the first spade of ground to begin the new church. Prior to this ceremony, the old church had been moved from its site and the cabin had been doubled in size to accommodate the congregation while the new building was being built. The menfolk cut and hauled the logs for the cabin, but the building was errected mostly through the efforts of W. C. Hudson and Gordon Pope. A parsonage had been built at the same time the Church was being built on land donated by B. W. Clark.

In October 1948, we moved into the new church. This was a proud moment for all, and a day that C. R. Pope on January 22, 1943, had prayed to be allowed to see.

On October 14, 1951, at a Homecoming Day, the mortgage was burned by C. R. Pope, indicating that the church was ours—a momentous moment in the lives of all.

Ephesus was growing in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in 1957 another ground-breaking exercise was held to begin an annex for the already over-crowded church. C. R. Pope, as the oldest living member of the church, and Curtis R. Booker, as the youngest member, took part in this ceremony.

The last building project to date has been the building of a $25,000 Parsonage adjacent to the church. On April 4, 1965, G. M. Pope turned the first spade of earth to begin this project. This project is completed and the building occupied by our present pastor and his family. This brings the total Property Value of Ephesus to $199,500.00.

Untold names and people have had a part in the history of Ephesus for the past 75 years. No one is outstanding, it has taken the sweat and prayers of *everyone* to enable us to say we are proud to be called Ephesians. By comparing the records, we note that the 1892 budget was $90.00 compared to $26,000.00 for 1966. Church enrollment for 1892 was 24 compared to 386 in 1966, and Sunday School enrollment in 1892 was 54 compared to 292 in 1966. The Lord has richly blessed us with every good gift, and under the direction of the present pastor, E. Coye Still, and Mrs. Still, we know we will continue to advance the cause of Christ's Kingdom on this earth.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor—E. Coye Still

Choir Director—Mrs. L. P. Bassett, Sr. Organist—Mrs. Norman Tingen
Custodian—T. R. Scott Mimeograph Operator—Mrs. Ralph Bassett

CHURCH OFFICERS

Clerk—Ralph Cain
Financial Secretary—Mrs. B. W. Clark
V.B.S. Principal—Mrs. Tommy Tilley
Librarian—Mrs. Tommy Tilley
Song Leader—Gordon Pope
Scout Master—Jack Wright
Superintendent of Training—Saundra Middour
Treasurer—Phillip Riggsbee
Church Nursery—Mrs. Thomas Harrison
Historian—Mrs. John Booker
Assistant Librarians—Mrs. O. W. Hudson
Annette Witherspoon
Assistant Song Leader—Arnold Capps
Assistant Scout Master—Walter Watson

ACTING BOARD OF DEACONS

William Harrison	Arnold Capps	W. E. Elliott	Stuart Green
Clyde Hayes	Phillip Riggsbee	Louis Luxton	Clifton King
R. K. Witherspoon	Tommy Sparrow	Alvin Tillman	Harlan King

INACTIVE BOARD OF DEACONS

Gordon Pope	Walter O. King	Van Laughlin	G. D. King
T. R. Scott	G. M. Pope	Lacy Thomas	Bertram Morris
	I. S. Newton	Howard Sparrow	

USHERS

Marcus King	Robert Hege	Walter Watson	Louis Luxton
Harlan King	John Booker	Jimmy King	Gale Winslow

TRUSTEES

Tommy Tilley Van Laughlin R. K. Witherspoon

S. S. Superintendent—William Harrison
B. T. U. Director—Mrs. Thomas Harrison
W. M. U. President—Mrs. E. Coye Still